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Dear Josh:

I have heard through various grapevines that you have been experimenting with L-forms of  $\underline{E}$ . Coli. You may or may not have heard through the same channels that we are doing the same thing. Anyway, the first fruits of our labors are incorporated in the enclosed manuscript which we recently submitted to the Journal of Bacteriology. I hope you will find it of some interest.

Naturally, we would be happy to hear any news on the subject that you might have ready for public consumption.

I hope you and Ester are fine and that you have weathered the riotous activities of the season **pe**ccessfully. Ruth, I, and the kids can certainly say the same for ourselves.

Sincerely yours,

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